

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It appears to me that this is a clear example, and particularly unfortunate example of the dangers of media consolidation. Too much power is concentrated in too few hands, and, in this case, is being used for political, rather than educational purposes. This is simply wrong, a violation of FCC rules and regulations, and should not be allowed.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I call upon the FCC to stop this kind of abuse of our democracy and, in particular, to disallow the forced broadcast by Sinclair's affiliates of 'Stolen Honor'. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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